

TEMPE PARKS & RECREATION ADULT SOFTBALL PROGRAM FALL 2005

FOCUS GROUP UPDATE

Ten teams attended the August 16 coaches' focus group meeting. The following topics were discussed and should prove to be of interest to all adult softball teams. Please take time to review the results.

ROSTER CHANGES: Starting immediately teams will be allowed to add up to six additional players and can do so through the sixth week of the season.

FORFEITS: The current rules say a team may be dropped from the league after the third forfeit. We have changed the rule to read after the second forfeit. We will make a better effort to communicate with teams, after a forfeit - to understand their situation and determine what their plans are.

TEMPE BUSINESS REGISTRATION: Teams sponsored by a Tempe business will be required to pay with a company check or company credit card at the time of registration. More and more teams have circumvented the policy by saying it was not their company's policy to issue a check to the City of Tempe or the individual acting as the team manager. The first day registration for Tempe business sponsored teams essentially guarantees a team a spot in the Tempe program. To secure the guarantee, teams will be required to follow the registration policy as stated for this program.

AWARD SHIRTS: Award shirts sizes will be distributed as decided by the focus group.

Co-Rec:

Medium - 3 shirts
Large - 4 shirts
XL - 6 shirts
XXL - 2 shirts

Mens:

Large - 6 shirts
XL - 7 shirts
XXL - 2 shirts

DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENTS: The tournament bracket has been revised from the original double elimination format. The men's leagues will now play a pool play format with a winner takes all championship game. All teams are guaranteed at least two games.

HOME RUNS PER INNING: Leagues will continue to play with a two home-run per inning limit at each field.

MOTHER'S DAY: Mother's Day will now be an official softball holiday at the City of Tempe. In order to accommodate this request, the summer season will begin one week earlier than usual.

Thank you for taking the time to read over these important changes to your league. If you have any questions or would like to attend a future focus group meeting please let me know.

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